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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMAT COMMENTS ON ALLEGED ISRAELI ADVISORS
TO ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES

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DURING DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 26 WITH EMBOFF, ETHIOPIAN POLOFF COMMENTED THAT SOMALIS HAD FIRST FLOATED IDEA OF RETURN OF ISRAELI ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES IN ITEM CARRIED BY ARAB NEWS AGENCY IN SAUDI ARABIA. POLOFF STATED THAT EMPG HAD DENOUNCED ANA NEWS ITEM IN STRONG TERMS AND CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT RUMOR OF RETURN OF ISRAELI ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIA A COMPLETE FABRICATION. ETHIOPIAN POLOFF STATED THAT, IN OPINION OF ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY CAIRO, ENTIRE MATTER OF ISRAELI ADVISORS WAS AN OUTRIGHT PROVOCATION BY SOMALIS, DESIGNED TO SEVERELY DAMAGE CURRENTLY CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN AND SUCH ARAB STATES AS EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. POLOFF STATED THAT ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY CAIRO COULD SEE NO BENEFIT FROM RESTORED TIES TO ISRAEL AND BELIEVED THAT SOMALI INSISTENCE ON PRESENCE OF ISRAELI ADVISORS REPRESENTS NEW AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TACTIC IN SOMALI MANEUVERING
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OVER FUTURE STATUS OF SOON-TO-BE-INDEPENDENT TFAI AS

ISRAELI ISSUE APPEARS TO EMPG EMBASSY AS DESIGNED TO ENLIST
ARAB LEAGUE SYMPATHY AGAINST ETHIOPIA.
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